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**Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave
Editor-in-Chief
THE WASHINGTON TIMES
3600 New York Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

Dear Mr. de Borchgrave:

THE WASHINGTON TIMES' 12 December front page story on CIA General Counsel Stanley Sporkin misquotes me. THE TIMES claims I "said that no letter had been sent on the subject of the Justice Department's prosecution of Mr. Waterman, but would not say whether the Justice Department sought to prosecute a senior CIA official." What I actually told TIMES' writer, Mr. Gertz, was that "the Agency received no letter from the Department of Justice which said it was going to prosecute Mr. Waterman."

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It would be helpful if Mr. Gertz would get his facts straight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George V. Lauder".

**George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs**

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